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SUBJECT: KIM IL SUNG LEAVES ALGIERS

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1. KIM IL SUNG RETURNED TO ALGIERS ON JUNE 1, AFTER A TWO DAY WHISTLE STOP VISIT TO NOUAKCHOTT. HE DEPARTED ALGERIA REPORTEDLY FOR SOFIA ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 2.

2. UPON HIS DEPARTURE A JOINT NORTH KOREAN-ALGERIAN COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED. THE COMMUNIQUE PROVIDED NO APPARENT SURPRISES, AND WAS REplete WITH THE INTERMINABLE REGURGITATION-PROVOKING BOILER-PLATE TO WHICH WE HAVE BECOME SO SADLY ACCUSTOMED. THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS WERE CARRIED ON IN AN "ATOMOSPHERE STAMPED WITH MILITANT FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL COMPRE-HENSION". ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE THE KIM IL SUNG-BOUMEDIENE TALKS

RESULTED IN AN "IDENTITY OF VIEWS" ON THE QUESTIONS DEALT WITH. THE TWO PARTIES NOTED THAT THE CURRENT ERA IS CHARACTERIZED BY "PROFOUND REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES MARKED BY THE DECLINE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPERIALISM AND THE TRIUMPH OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

AND SOCIALISM." THE TWO PARTIES CALLED FOR "THE LIQUIDATION OF IMPERIALISM, COLONIALIZATION, ZIONISM AND RACISM". THE ALGERIANS "REAFFIRMED THEIR RESOLUTE SUPPORT TO THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION AND INDEPENDANCE OF THE COUNTRY" AND CALLED FOR "THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE UN FLAG". THE TWO PARTIES DENOUNCED "THE THREATS ON THE PART OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM". THE TWO PARTIES ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE THIRD WORLD, AND EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND SATISFACTION AT THE COOPERATION OF THE NONALIGNED NATIONS IN HAVANA WHICH RECOMMENDED THE ADMISSION OF NORTH KOREA AS A MEMBER OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT. ALGERIA NOTED ITS CONSIDERATION THAT THE ADMISSION OF THE DPRK TO THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT WOULD "CONTRIBUTE TO THE REINFORCEMENT OF NONALIGNED POLICY". ALSO TOUCHED ON IN THE FULSOME COMMUNIQUE WERE ISSUES SUCH AS THE PLO ("THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE"), SOUTH AFRICA, PROBLEMS OF PRIMARY MATERIALS AND OF DEVELOPMENT, AND THE VICTORIES OF THE CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE PEOPLES.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO REAL APPRECIATION OF WHAT KIM AND BOUMEDIENE DISCUSSED, OTHER THAN ALL THE PAP CITED ABOVE. THE FRENCH EMBASSY IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE KIM VISIT WAS TO LINE UP SUPPORT AND REINFORCE ITS CREDENTIALS FOR GAINING ADMISSION TO THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT, WITH THE BIG PUSH SLATED FOR THE AUGUST NAM MEETING IN LIMA. A SOVIET EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT KIM'S TOUR IS PRIMARILY TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN DEMARCHES ON THE SUBJECT OF REUNIFICATION OF KOREA DURING THE FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSIONS. BOTH THESE EXPLANATIONS--WHICH OF COURSE ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE--STRIKE US AS REASONABLE.

4. (NOTE: OF POSSIBLE INTEREST IS THE 30-31 MAY SIDE TRIP OF THE NORTH KOREAN CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, MARSHAL O DJINE OU, TO ORAN WHERE HE VISITED THE EX-FRENCH NAVAL BASE OF MERS-EL-KEBIR AND OTHER ALGERIAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. WHILE THIS VISIT COULD CONCEIVABLY FUEL SPECULATION ABOUT AN EVENTUAL NORTH KOREAN NAVAL PRESENCE AT MERS-EL-KEBIR, WE SUGGEST THE VISIT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOST PROBABLY INTENDED TO KEEP THE MARSHAL BUSY DURING KIM'S VISIT TO MAURITANIA, THE ARMY OF WHICH CANNOT HOLD MUCH ATTRACTION FOR A MARSHAL.)
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